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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: ALLIED DESIRE TO TABLE US DATA

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1. DURING AND ON THE MARGINS OF THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, ITALIAN AND UK REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THE RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY 22 INFORMAL SESSION CONFIRMED THEIR VIEW THAT THE EAST WOULD PROBABLY ADHERE TO ITS PRESENT POSITION AS REGARDS THE COUNTING RULES IT HAS USED IN COMPILING ITS DATA AND THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, THE WEST SHOULD MOVE TO OPEN UP A NEW LINE OF INQUIRY. NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVES MADE THE SAME POINT AND URGED THAT IN THE NEXT DAYS, THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD RAISE WITH NAC THE ISSUE OF TABLING NATO DATA ON US FORCES DATA IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE DISCUSSION OF US/SOVIET DATA PROMPTLY. THEY

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EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ALLIES WOULD WITHIN THE NEXT SESSION OR SO REACH THE POINT WHERE CONTINUATION OR REPETITION OF QUESTIONS ABOUT GENERAL EASTERN COUNTING RULES WOULD NOT BE A PRODUCTIVE METHOD OF PROMOTING ENQUIRY INTO DISCREPANCY BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN DATA. FRG REPRESENTATIVE ALSO INFORMED US ON FEBRUARY 24 THAT, IN LIGHT OF THIS DISCUSSION IN THE AD HOC GROUP, HE HAS CHECKED WITH

BONN AND HAS RECEIVED EXPLICIT AGREEMENT FROM ACTING
DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH THAT THE FRG IS READY TO
PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION OF US AND SOVIET DATA.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, WE REQUEST A TIMELY GO AHEAD
FROM WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH NAC
AS PROPOSED IN REFTEL. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONCERNS OF
THE US AND OTHER ALLIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS
OF TABLING NATIONAL FIGURES CAN BE DEALT WITH ADEQUATELY
WITH AN APPROPRIATE DISCLAIMER. GIVEN EASTERN ASSERTIONS
THAT THEY USE THE SAME COUNTING RULES AS THE WEST, WESTERN
FAILURE TO MOVE FORWARD PROMPTLY TO OPEN NEW APPROACHES FOR
EXAMINATION OF THE REASONS FOR THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN EASTERN
AND WESTERN DATA WILL LEAVE THE EAST HOLDING THE HIGH
GROUND WITH ITS CLAIMS OF MANPOWER PARITY IN THE AREA.

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